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Applicants: Pironti et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of one month is hereby requested to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A final Office Action was mailed July 29, 2003.

An Amendment and Response was filed under the two-month rule on September 26, 2003. The Advisory Action was mailed November 20, 2003, thereby setting a one-month extension period of December 20, 2003. A one-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date of this RCE December 20, 2003. The requisite fee in the amount of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed by check.

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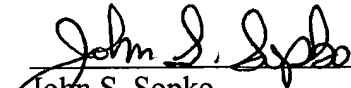
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John S. Sopko", is written over a horizontal line.

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